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TO : Acting Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

DATE: 1 September 1959

FROM : Chief, Electronic Equipment Branch, ORR

SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report, August 1959

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1. Status of Branch Projects

✓ a) Project 36.2376, "The Impact of Guided Missile Requirements on the Electronics Industry of the USSR"

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Analyst: [REDACTED]

Due Date: Open

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[REDACTED] is now devoting almost full time on this project. He has been engaged in reviewing the initial terms of reference, refining his methodological approach, and continuing to collect information from various government and non-government organizations. During August [REDACTED] consulted with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], concerning the progress being made on the EDL contract on the B-200 System. [REDACTED] indicated that the project is proceeding according to schedule and should be completed in the Spring of 1960. He indicated that by the end of September it might be useful for [REDACTED] to visit [REDACTED] to consult directly with the analysts who are working on this contract. Progress on this report is satisfactory.

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✓ b) Project 36.2377, "Production and Utilization of Semiconductors in the USSR"

Due D/I: 15 February 1959

Due St/PR: 15 April 1959 (overdue)

Transmitted to D/I: 6 July 1959

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Analyst: [REDACTED]

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This project was submitted to St/PR in August. An initial reading from [REDACTED] indicated that they will probably complete the editing and forward the report to the printers during September.

✓ c) Project 36.2378, "The Electronics Industries of the European Satellites" (Phase 2, Hungary)

Due D/I: 15 September 1959 (Revised)

Due St/PR: 1 October 1959 (Revised)

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Analyst: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has completed the calculation of the output value series for the Hungarian electronics industry, and is spending full time (except for moderate support on COCOM matters) on the remainder of the report. This project is overdue to the Branch Chief and it

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is apparent that the Division and St/PR due dates will not be met. It is suggested that no revised due date be established at this time.

✓ d) Project 36.2754, "The Electronics Industry of Poland"

Due Date: St/PR, 15 November 1959

25X1A9a Analyst: [REDACTED]

25X1A9a [REDACTED] is devoting full time to this project. He has completed the research phase and is now engaged in writing the report. Progress is satisfactory.

✓ e) Project 36.2753, "The Production of Electronic Computers in the USSR"

Due Date: St/PR, 15 December 1959

Analyst: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is engaged in writing this report, and is progressing satisfactorily according to the time schedule established. Although most of the basic research is completed it will be necessary for her to visit U.S. industry facilities to obtain comparative US data on several aspects of this study.

✓ f) Project 36.2752, "ORR Military Electronics Estimates"

Due Date: 15 January 1960

Analyst: [REDACTED]

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The initial work on this project has only recently begun, due to other essential work on which [REDACTED] has been engaged. The project is getting off to a slightly delayed start, but it is too early to estimate whether a new due date will be called for. Mr.

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[REDACTED] has been collecting information gradually over the past several months, however, and the progress made during September will permit a more definite status report in the next monthly report.

✓ g) Project 36.2755, "Exploratory Project: Soviet Electronic Plants"

Due Date: 30 June ~~1959~~ 1960

Analyst: [REDACTED] was initially assigned to this project, but it is understood that other analysts will participate, as appropriate. [REDACTED] is now engaged in this work.

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In connection with her work on the 1959 Military Expenditures NIE, [REDACTED] has compiled an impressive array of information on the Soviet requirements for communications equipment, based on OB and other information relating to end-use patterns. It was felt that this information would be extremely valuable in published RR report form if sufficient supporting data on production facilities could be derived from plant data. It was decided that the initial survey of the plant data should be charged to this project until

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such time as it was decided to either undertake a new project or abandon the attempt to make more use of the NIE contribution.

2. Status of Support Projects

a) Project 30.2232, NIS 19, Hungary, Section 64, Manufacturing and Construction

Branch contributions covering electric battery production and electric wire and cable were completed and forwarded to I/PE. The Signal Corps contribution to this NIS was reviewed by the Branch and a meeting is scheduled with the author and ACSI representatives to overcome a few discrepancies between the contribution and Branch information.

b) Project 30.2662, USAF: Production of Specified Industries

The information sheets were reviewed and forwarded to USAF. No information has been received which would modify the estimates given in April. Current research will probably result in a need for some modification in 1960.

c) Project 30.2201, Soviet Military Expenditures Through 1964

The Branch contribution to this project was completed and forwarded to I/ME.

d) Project 48.2667, Support to COCOM: 1959 List Review

The Branch continued to expend a significant amount of time on this project during August. The fact sheets for those items for which this Branch is responsible have been completed, but a few additional new items are being considered. Intelligence statements will be required for these. It is expected that the amount of work required to support the 1959 List Review will drop off somewhat during the next few months, but that it will continue to take several hours per week of the Branch Chief's time.

3. Changes in Estimates

None.

4. Relationships with other Components

a) Relationships with ORR components in general have steadily deteriorated during August as a result of the deathless Witticisms of the male personnel and the more understandable resentment of the female personnel brought about by the impending relocation of a

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portion of I/EE to the ladies room, Q bldg., main corridor.

b) Further discussions have been held with the Secretary of the USIB Committee on Exchanges concerning the plans for an exchange of microwave communications experts. No definite dates or itineraries have been decided upon.

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